

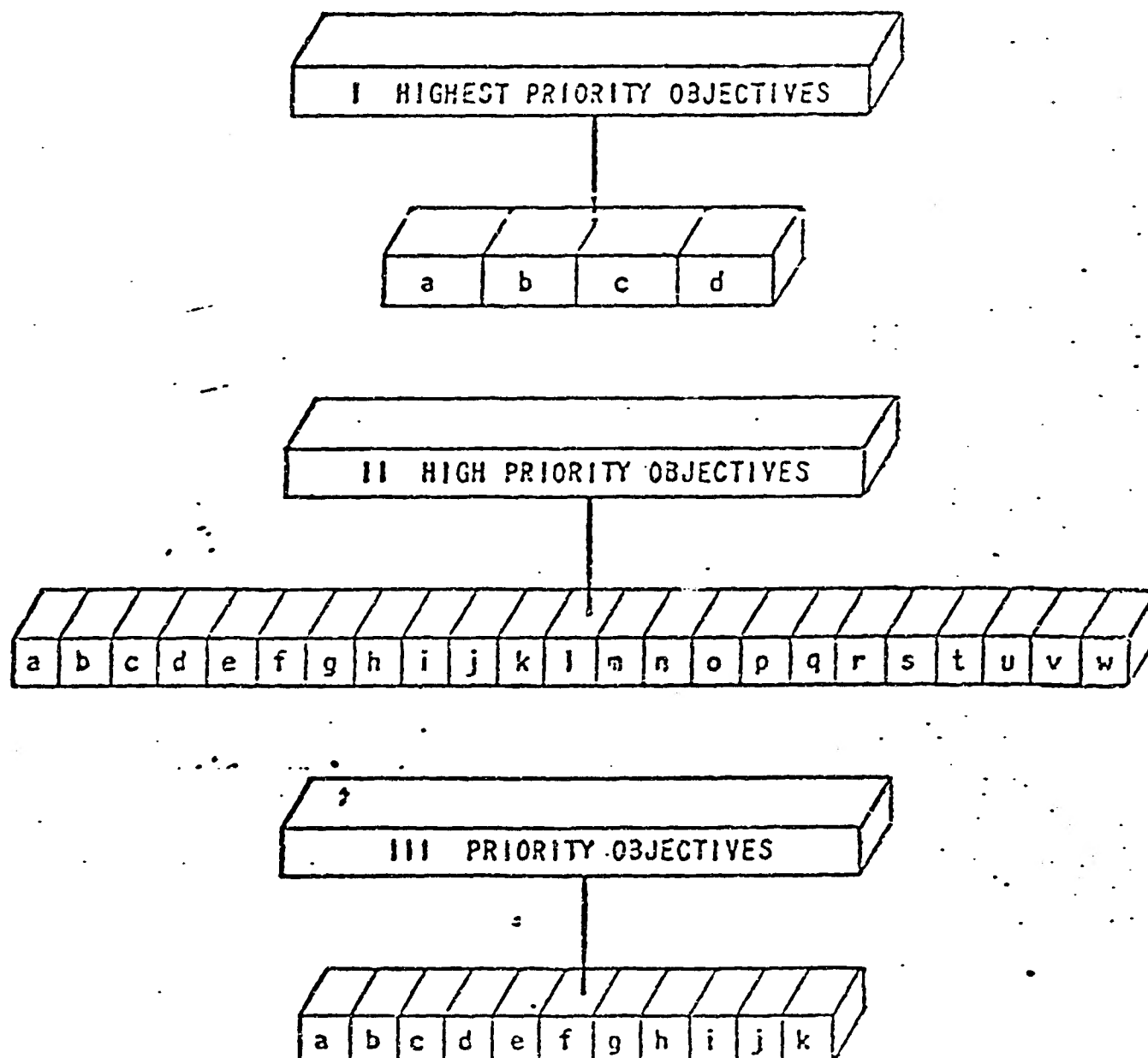
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 4/4

PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

(14 December 1954;

1. Pursuant to National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 4, paragraph 2, the following list of priority national intelligence objectives is established as a guide for the coordination of intelligence collection and production in response to requirements relating to the formulation and execution of national security policy.

2. By definition, all items in this listing are deemed to be critical national intelligence factors requiring priority attention and effort. Distinction is made, however, between three levels of priority within the general priority category. Order of listing within these three groups is a matter of convenience in presentation and has no significance with respect to the relative priority of specific items within the group.



3. In order to afford a stable basis for intelligence planning, this directive is designed to remain valid over an extended period. It will be reviewed semiannually, or on the request of any member of the IAC. It is recognized that urgent interim requirements may arise requiring ad hoc treatment, and that the criteria on which the following priorities are established shall remain under continuing review.

4. DCID 4/2 is hereby rescinded.\*

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\* DCID 4/2, "Priority List of Critical National Intelligence Objectives," was issued 28 September 1950 and revised 12 June 1952 and 4 August 1953.

NOTE: Order of listing within Category I is a matter of convenience in presentation and has no significance with respect to the relative priority of specific items within that category.